

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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**“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 28th January 2026 in
Galhampton Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm**

Councillors Present:

Nick Garrett (Chairman)
Caroline Bowen
Andy Keys-Toyer
Clare Leavold
John Rundle

John Whitehead (Vice-Chairman)
Chris Jose
Cameron Knee
Nerissa Northover
Richard Rundle

In Attendance: Somerset Councillors Henry Hobhouse and Kevin Messenger, the Clerk and six members of the public (MOP).

❖ **Provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs):**

A MOP was present to discuss the need/provision/locations of additional CPADs in the parish, following a recent emergency at an event in North Cadbury at which the defibrillator helped save a life. Following a full discussion the following points would be considered at agenda item 26/06:

- Training on how to use cPADs and knowledge of First Responders.
- Time taken to access cPADs/locations
- Funding for additional cPADs

❖ **Public Question and Comments:** A question was asked re the fencing at the junction with the A371, which was affecting driver visibility. Zoe Young, Community Liaison Officer at The Newt, advised that they erected the fencing to prevent dumping of waste while they were carrying out improvements/planting at the junction; it would be removed shortly when the work was completed.

❖ **Report from The Newt and Emily Estate:** Zoe Young, Community Liaison Officer, reported as follows:

- Frequent checks on drainage and the natural flood measures across the estate during this heavy rainfall. We've been pleased with the attenuation ponds especially the trout ponds and their impact in reducing flooding in Yarlington. The overflowing drain outside the Farmyard Hotel is being addressed.
- In development news, Yarlington Lodge is now entering its testing phase. The new farm continues to progress well; it will be in partial use from the autumn with all construction finished by spring 2027.
- Notice of approval of a permitted development of an agricultural track linking the Farmyard Hotel to the existing farm tracks and to the trout pond. Work will begin in the next couple of weeks. (Hard copy of route circulated at meeting.)

❖ **Reports from Somerset Council:** Councillor Henry Hobhouse reported as follows:

- Budget – the Government had increased the SC grant from £290m to £293m. SC has had to adjust their budget setting timetable due to delays in the Government's funding

announcement. The delay would significantly impact its budget process with limited available time if the announcement was not known until the end of February 2026.

- Flood Mitigation Measures – Yarlington systems recently implemented were working well, reducing any detrimental effect at the other end of the river Cam. Discussion ensued on recent flood events in the area, thankfully no properties in the combined parishes had been affected.
- Highways – potholes finally filled in on the exit slip roads from the A303 at the North/South Cadbury exits.

26/01. Apologies for absence:

To receive any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Maria Viney.

26/02. Declarations of Interests:

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any Pecuniary or Other interests they may have under the Localism Act 2011 and NALC Model Code of Conduct adopted May 2022. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None received.

26/03. Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary PC meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2025.

RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/04. Planning:

a. Somerset Council Decisions: None received.

b. Brookhampton Development: Update.

RESOLVED: Cllr R Rundle reported that Origin 3 had finally received feedback from SC on its pre-application just before Christmas. SC had 'pushed back' on the number of units proposed and challenged some aspects of its design. Origin were in discussion with SC re scheme design and the scheme frontage onto the highway. Cllr Rundle hoped to have more information in the next four to six weeks.

26/05. Finance:

a. **Balance of the Council's Bank Account & Bank reconciliation:**

To receive the full council accounts and bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the PC's Accounts, which were agreed and Lloyds Bank balances at 28th January 2026 in the Community Account £4,570.55 and Business Bank Instant Account of £39,105.85, reconciled, approved and signed.

b. **Accounts for payment:**

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure:

i.	Galhampton Playing field maintenance grant	£1,524.69
ii.	Routine maint grant Galhampton Village Hall	£300.00
iii.	Routine maint grant North Cadbury Village Hall	£300.00
iv.	Routine maint grant Yarlington Village Hall	£150.00
v.	Scribe Accounts Set up Fee	£298.80
vi.	Microsoft 365 renewal	£84.99
vii.	Parish Online subscription renewal	£81.00
viii.	North Cadbury replacement Defibrillator pads	£75.19
ix.	SALC inv 2561 – responding to planning 8/12/25	£35.00
x.	SALC inv 2496 – Code of Conduct 8/11/25	£25.00
xi.	SALC inv 2565 – Cllr Essentials Part 1 6/1/26	£25.00

c. **Application for £500 from CIL funds from the Cam Community River Project to support an application for a grant to clear some of the River Cam of debris.**

RESOLVED: Approved unanimously.

d. North Cadbury Playing Field Grounds Maintenance Contract:

To receive and review quotes for North Cadbury Playing Field 2 year Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2026 and 2027, as previously circulated.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed unanimously to approve NC Village Hall's preferred choice of contractor 'AG Fenced It'.

e. To consider Budget & Precept figures for 2026/2027.

To agree on a figure for the precept.

i. To increase the precept by £3,000, from £27,000 to £30,000; this equates to an annual increase of approx. 10.6% or £5.39 per household (from £50.86 to £56.25), based on a Band D property.

ii. To increase the precept by £800, from £27,000 to £27,800; this equates to an annual increase of approx. 2.5% or £1.25 per household (from £50.86 to £52.13, based on a Band D property).

The Clerk previously distributed the draft precept for 2026/2027 with supporting notes (Attachments 1 and 2).

RESOLVED: Following a full discussion, councillors agreed unanimously to increase the precept from £27,000 to £30,000.

26/06. Provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs):

To consider the need/provision/location of additional cPADs within the parishes.

Councillors discussed further the points raised in public session. Cllr J Rundle was pleased to inform the PC that a resident at Brookhampton Corner, North Cadbury had volunteered to 'host' a cPAD.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed unanimously to approve the purchase of an additional cPAD for installation at Brookhampton Corner. Following advice from Cllr R Rundle on the warranty status of the other cPADs in the parishes, the Clerk agreed to contact the Village Hall Committees to let them know where they could purchase replacement parts/cPADs at a competitive price if necessary and propose the need for training on the use of cPADs.

26/07. Parish Website:

To consider whether the PC would like to proceed in principle with the development of a new or improved Parish website.

Cllr R Rundle previously circulated his Website Discussion Paper.

RESOLVED: Cllr Rundle agreed to circulate his paper to residents who had expressed an interest in improved communications for comments prior to the next meeting. Councillors approved the provision of a new or improved Parish Website in principle and agreed to read the paper in order to form a resolution at the next meeting, whether to improve or replace.

26/08. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report:

PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED:

a. Highways. Cllr Jose presented his report, which can be found at Attachment 3.

b. ROW. The Chairman reported that he had no specific issues raised since the last meeting, however, with the current very wet weather all of the footpaths were waterlogged and he would expect issues with stiles and gates.

No update from Eve Wynn with regards to the badger survey from Keir Construction on WN19/105 (Ridgeway Lane)

Please can all members of the parish continue to report any issues via the Explore Somerset website <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>.

26/09. Cam Community River Project (CCRP) reports:

PC representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED: Cllr Whitehead reported as follows:

After the recent heavy rain sewage was again bubbling out of manholes in Brookhampton. The Clerk agreed to keep the pressure on Wessex Water by sending an email attaching a video of the

sewage cover with an additional video of the sewage cover in Chapel Lane where excess water is running down Chapel Lane, bypassing the drains and flowing down to Brookhampton. The Clerk agreed to ask WW if they have any further information/timing on works they plan to carry out. As a result of discussions with Somerset RoW department they are proposing to replace the concrete footbridge downstream from Brookhampton with a new wooden bridge. The existing bridge is often below water and also acts as a dam impeding the flow of the River Cam. Gully and drain clearance to be discussed as an agenda item for the next meeting.

26/10. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring:

Update.

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

26/11. Local Community Networks LCNs:

Reports.

RESOLVED: Cllr Keys-Toyer reported that the next meeting of the Highways Working Group would be held in Castle Cary on 3rd March 2026; it might be helpful if a PC representative attended this meeting.

The Glastonbury Train Link charity is proposing a new two-hourly bus service between Glastonbury and Castle Cary railway station. Around £120,000 is needed to get the pilot service running. More information is available at: www.glastonburytrainlink.org

26/12. Items for Report and Future Business:

- a. To approve the provision of a new or improved parish website.
- b. Proposal to remove the North Cadbury notice boards at North Town, Chapel Lane and Woolston, which were beyond economic repair.
- c. Gully and drain clearance.

Next meeting: Ordinary meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th February 2026 in the Reading Room, North Cadbury.